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LIST OF THOSE WHO REGISTERED FOR THE FARM LEADERS CONFERENCE
IN WASHINGTON, D. C., FEB. 8 AND 9, 1937

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B. B. Brumley, McComb, Ohio. (National Livestock Marketing Association.)

Ralph B. Campbell, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Representing Mr. John Brandt -
National Cooperative Council)
George Chance, Bryan, Texas (Member, State Committee)

E. A. Eckert, Mascoutah, Illinois (The National Grange)
H. M. Ehrmanntraut, Plentywood, Montana (Member, State Committee)
E. H. Everson, St. Charles, South Dakota (President, Farmers' Union)

W. P. Frost, Eastern States Farmers Exchange, Buffalo, New York

Lee M. Gentry, 315 North Randolph Street, Champaign, Illinois (Farm Representative)
Chester H. Gray, Washington, D. C. (American Farm Bureau Federation)
Mr. Clifford V. Gregory, The Prairie Farmer, Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Lyle Hague, Cherokee, Oklahoma. (Farmers' National Grain Corporation)
Mr. Fred K. Hawley, Laurens, Iowa. (Farm Representative)
Arthur Hayes, Tariffville, Connecticut (Farm Representative)
Floyd B. Himes, Perrington, Michigan (Member, County Agricultural Conservation
Board of Directors)
William Hirth, Columbia, Missouri (President, Missouri Farmers' Ass'n.)
Robin Hood, Washington, D. C., (National Cooperative Council)
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Gardner Jackson, Washington, D. C. (Committee on Rural Social Planning)
Francis Johnson, 805 Valley Bank Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa. (American Farm Bureau
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J. W. Jones, Olney, Maryland. (Member, State Committee - President, County Farm
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Hon. Marvin Jones, Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture

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Shaun Kelly, Richmond, Massachusetts, (Member, State Committee)
Ben Kilgore, 205 Bourbon Stockyards Building, Louisville, Kentucky. (American
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Carl C. King, Albion, Washington. (Member, State Committee)

- Sam H. Lassen, Aurora, South Dakota. (Member, State Committee)
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Senator Ellison D. Smith, Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
William H. Steen, Milton, Oregon. (Member, State Committee)
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P. O. Wilson, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. (National Livestock Marketing Association)
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Harold Young, Route #1, North Little Rock, Arkansas. (Member, State Committee)

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF FARM CONFERENCE

The national conference of farm leaders, which was called by Secretary Wallace, today unanimously adopted the recommendations contained in a report drafted by a committee selected by the conference. The conference then adjourned.

The conference, composed of farmers and representatives of farm organizations, met in Washington, February 8 and 9, to consider proposals and policies affecting agriculture.

The recommendations were:

Gentlemen:

Your General Committee of Eighteen has received from the special Commodity Subcommittees their respective reports, and after most careful consideration submits herewith its report and recommendations:

Farmers of this country, in the opinion of your Committee, recognize the following premises:

(a) The farmers of this country insist they receive their fair share of the national income.

(b) That much of the Federal legislation pertaining to production which has been adopted by the Congress during the past few years has been approached from the emergency point of view; and that

the time has now come to present to the Congress an outline for revision of existing provisions of law and the adoption of new legislation which will constitute the basis for a long-time national agricultural program.

(c) That in the consideration of such a program the public welfare must be considered.

(d) That the normal requirements of all the people for food, feed and fiber must be provided and in addition thereto adequate reserves maintained against the hazards of weather, drought, flood, pests, and diseases, and against the dangers of international crises.

(e) That the national interest justifies a sound Federal program in the control of the erosional processes; without which control the land resources of the country would be wasted.

(f) That in the program of the conservation of the nation's natural resources there is justification for the bringing back into the public domain a substantial portion of the sub-marginal lands of the country.

(g) That in the program of conservation the soil fertility of the farmlands of the country must be maintained and increased.

(h) That the program must include an effective plan for the adjustment of production in line with effective demand.

(i) That the program must also include, through the use of an ever-normal granary, governmental assistance in controlling movement to market of crop supplies after same have been produced, in order to stabilize commodity prices at such levels as will insure a parity income to farmers and also a parity price to the producers of such crops.

(j) That it is to the public interest and to agriculture's to provide a plan of insurance to producers against the hazards of

drought, floods, and other disasters.

(k) That widespread ownership of farm land by the operators thereof is a matter of public interest, and that a program should include an adequate and sound plan offering worthy tenants better opportunity to buy farms.

(l) Your Committee desires to reaffirm and re-emphasize this premise, namely:

That the buying power of farmers resulting from parity income and parity prices is of primary importance to our national prosperity and security.

Your Committee presents for your consideration the following recommendations affecting the principles which should underlie legislation which should be submitted to the Congress during its present session:

1. The ever-normal granary program as outlined by the Secretary at the opening of this conference for the protection of the consuming public and for providing producers with a reservoir in which can be retained seasonal surpluses, meets with the most enthusiastic support and approval of your Committee. Legislation is recommended by your Committee providing for the use of commodity credit loans as the operating device necessary for the successful and effective operation of the ever-normal granary.

In determining the price bases upon which loans will be made in connection with the Ever-Normal Granary, it must be recognized that accumulating surpluses depress price and create a ceiling above which prices of commodities cannot rise. Therefore it is imperative that the loans be made at the uppermost level to keep prices from declining below parity levels, to the full extent possible consistent with the dependence of the commodity upon export markets.

2. That the formulation and administration of the ever-normal granary program be carried on through permanently established governmental agencies or corpora-

tions rather than through any federal agencies now existing which are of a temporary and emergency character.

3. That the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act be amended providing for the postponement to January 1, 1940, as the date when administration and consent shall be had by the States.

4. In the administration of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act during the interim period of federal administration and thereafter, to avoid ultimate bureaucratic and political influence, local agencies and associations of farmers must be considered as the necessary and proper agencies to carry out the coordinated program.

5. That the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act be amended so that during the period of time in which the administration of such Act within the State is carried on and directed by the Secretary of Agriculture, that the Secretary of Agriculture have the specific authority and direction to consider the declared policy of the Congress as set forth in Section 7 (a), subnumber 5, which declared policy of the Congress is as follows:

"(3) reestablishment, at as rapid a rate as the Secretary of Agriculture determines to be practicable and in the general public interest, of the ratio between the purchasing power of the net income per person on farms and that of the income per person not on farms that prevailed during the five year period August 1909 - July 1914, inclusive, as determined from statistics available in the United States Department of Agriculture, and the maintenance of such ratio."

NOTE: The purchasing power yardstick here described may prove inadequate to assure parity of price and income for farmers under present conditions. In such event, the yardstick should be appropriately modified.

6. That present provisions of law be amended, or new legislation adopted, that would make possible the use of benefit payments to effect diversion in production when the ever-normal-granary program is found in any year to be insufficient to keep production in line with effective demand and protect the

income of the producer; that in addition to the use of benefit payments to effect such diversion, every possible effort be made to find a sound plan to supplement the ever-normal-granary, and the use of additional benefit payments for diversion of crops, and wherein the taxing power of the federal government be used in such direction, or other sanctions of law including the licensing of handlers.

7. That the existing program of the federal government be enlarged and expanded, wherein the sub-marginal lands of the country would be brought back into the Public Domain, and that the utilization of such sub-marginal land so withdrawn be directed in such manner as to restore natural resources, minimize the dangers of floods, control erosion and provide additional national parks, forests and wild life refuges. Such a program should be extended over a substantial number of years so that the local tax system would not be unduly disturbed and wherein the families now living on such lands could gradually move to better land offering greater opportunities. We further insist that forestry, conservation and all land-use problems be retained in the Department of Agriculture which alone makes possible a continued and integrated program.

8. That the marketing agreement provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act be reenacted and amended to strengthen the Act and include additional crops.

9. That the principle of an actuarially sound crop insurance program be endorsed.

10. That Sections 22 and 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act be retained with a continuing authority in the hands of the Secretary of Agriculture to use the powers and funds authorized under these sections to support price levels in emergency situations and to move crop purchases under such authority into areas of under-consumption and into the export market and to aid in orderly marketing. That any unexpended balance in the Treasury arising under Section 32 at the end of a fiscal year be covered into the Commodity Credit Corporation or its successor.

11. That legislation be adopted authorizing existing agencies related to agriculture, or a new agency under the supervision of such existing agencies, to encourage more general holding of farm units by owner-operators.

12. That in the development of all of these programs encouragement be given to associations of producers not only in the soil conservation program and the ever-normal granary program, but also in the distribution and handling of such crops affected by such programs.

13. That a system of federally controlled and regulated warehouses and terminal market facilities be established.

14. That federal legislation be enacted to provide grades, standards and inspection in interstate commerce for basic and non-basic crops, not presently covered by adequate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. Williamson, Chairman

L. J. Taber

Edw. A. O'Neal

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M. W. Thatcher

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C. C. Talbot

Robin Hood

LIST OF THOSE WHO WERE INVITED TO THE FARM LEADERS
CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, FEB. 8 and 9, 1937,
BUT WHO DID NOT ATTEND IN PERSON

A. J. Beck, Washburn, Maine, (Chairman, State Committee)

1/ John Brandt, Mgr., Land O'Lakes Creameries, 2201 Kennedy St., N.E.,
Minneapolis, Minn. (National Cooperative Council)

2/ C. B. Denman, National Livestock Marketing Ass'n., Farmington, Mo.
(National Cooperative Council)

R. L. Edwards, Selma, Alabama. (Chairman, State Committee)

F. J. Freestone, Interlaken, N. Y. (National Grange)

Ray W. Gill, Montavilla Station, Portland, Oregon. (National Grange)

Charles W. Holman, (National Milk Producers Federation)

Kenneth W. Hones, Colfax, Wisconsin. (Wisconsin Farmers' Equity Union)

Arthur H. Packard, Burlington, Vermont. (Member, State Committee -
Farm Bureau)

Ford Patterson, Mount Sterling, Kentucky. (Farm Representative)

Dante M. Pierce, Wallace's Farmer, Des Moines, Iowa.

Clarence Poe, The Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C.

3/ Quentin Reynolds, Springfield, Mass. (National Cooperative Council)

B. F. Young, St. Joseph, Louisiana. (Member, State Committee)

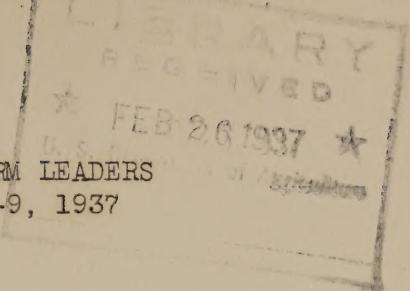
1/ Ralph B. Campbell, Minneapolis, represented Mr. Brandt at the conference.

2/ B. B. Brumley, McComb, Ohio, and P. O. Wilson, of Chicago, represented
the National Livestock Marketing Ass'n.

3/ W. P. Frost, of Buffalo, N. Y., represented Eastern States Farmers Exchange.

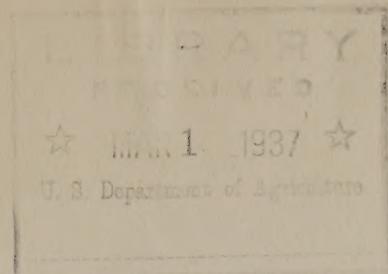
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THE GENERAL COMMITTEE SELECTED BY THE FARM LEADERS
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<u>Commodity Group from which selected</u>	<u>Names of Committeemen</u>
Wheat	A. R. Shumway, Milton, Oregon. C. C. Talbot, Jamestown, North Dakota. M. W. Thatcher, 423 East Leland St., Chevy Chase, Maryland.
Corn-Hogs	B. B. Brumley, McComb, Ohio. Lee M. Gentry, 315 N. Randolph St., Champaign, Illinois. Francis Johnson, 805 Valley Bank Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa.
Cotton	George Chance, Bryan, Texas. N. C. Williamson, 535 Gravier St., New Orleans, Louisiana. Harold Young, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Rice	Romeo E. Short, Brinkley, Arkansas
Tobacco	J. E. Winslow, Greenville, North Carolina.
Feed Users	George M. Putnam, 3 North State Street, Concord, New Hampshire. Warren F. Whittier, Douglassville, Penn.
Fruits and Vegetables	R. W. Blackburn, 1422 Rollins St., South Pasadena, California.
Others	Charles M. Kearney, Morrill, Nebraska. Carl C. King, Albion, Washington.
National Farm Organizations	E. H. Everson, St. Charles, South Dakota. Edw. A. O'Neal, 58 E. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois. L. J. Taber, 970 College Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Robin Hood, 1731 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE

(Members selected by the various "commodity" groups of the Conference)

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